

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Greg Vine – Associate Planner, Community Development Department

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: N/A

Project No.: N/A

Location: Various

Project Title: Wharf Hydrant Upgrades

Project Applicant: CITY OF SANTA MARIA DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

Project Description: The project consists of removing seventeen (17) substandard fire hydrants and installing six (6) new fire hydrants at four different City locations. All hydrant removals have been coordinated with the Fire Department. Except for existing pavement and cross walk improvements that may be removed or damaged during the fire hydrant and waterline upgrade work, no other new subsurface or surface improvements will be constructed, and no grade changes are anticipated. All work will be within the City's road right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CITY OF SANTA MARIA

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Christos A. Stoyos

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: This is a Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) categorical exemption based on Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is to replace or remove existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The proposed project does not involve unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might

reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. No further environmental review is required.

The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

(a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The project is utilizing a Class 2 exemption. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

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(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

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(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

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(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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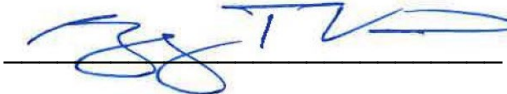
(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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